



Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader

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Dear Friends,

Greetings to San Francisco Team Tibet as you come together to commemorate the struggle for basic human rights and preservation of the Buddhist way of life.

We are proud that the San Francisco Bay Area is home to the third largest community of Tibetans in the United States and we stand in solidarity with the people of Tibet.

After decades of harsh rule by the Chinese government, the people of Tibet have legitimate grievances with the increased suffering and hardship that has taken place in this past year. They have been economically marginalized in their own land, imprisoned for peacefully expressing their political views, and forced to endure 'patriotic education' campaigns to denounce His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

The United States, a country rooted in the values of liberty, equality, and human rights, has a special responsibility to protect and promote those values, both at home and abroad.

I send my appreciation to all those who continue to work for peace, justice, and democracy in Tibet and around the world.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Pelosi".

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